Incredible India Education Fair (IIEF) held on 30-31 January, 2017 in Yogyakarta

The Incredible India Education Fair (IIEF) was held in Yogyakarta, the Education City on 30-31 January, 2017 in the University of Ahmad Dahlan. Representatives from 14 Indian Universities participated during the events organized under the IIEF. These Indian Universities were:

(i) Manipal University, Manipal
(ii) SRM University, Chennai
(iii) AIMS Institutes, Bengaluru
(iv) Sathyabama University, Chennai
(v) VIT University, Vellore
(vi) Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Bengaluru
(vii) NITTE University, Mangaluru
(viii) Garden City University, Bengaluru
(ix) Chandigarh University, Chandigarh
(x) Christ University, Bengaluru
(xi) Somaya Group of Institutions, Mumbai
(xii) Thapar University, Patiala
(xiii) Krupanidhi Group of Institutions, Bengaluru
(xiv) Delhi Technological University, Delhi.

The Education Fair was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Kasiyarno, Rector Ahmad Dahlan University and Mr. Hermon N. Kujur, Second Secretary, Indian Embassy Jakarta. The IIEF was organized by Mr. Ravi Makhija, Director, TIE UPS International in coordination with Embassy of India, Jakarta. Besides the Education fair, forums were organized between Indian Universities and Indonesian High Schools Principals and Rectors/Deans of Indonesian Universities, presentations were made on education systems, scholarships etc. For better understanding and coordination between Indian and Indonesian Universities, Dr. Bambang Supriyadi, Coordinator of Private Higher Education Institutions, Yogyakarta Special Region explained in detail the Education system and vocational courses system of Indonesian Education system.

During the Forum between Indian and Indonesian universities, discussions were held on Faculty/student exchange programmes, joint research activities and centers, joint and double degree programmes, curriculum development programmes, language and culture training programmes etc. MOU’s were also signed between (i) TIE UPS International and Indonesian Private Higher Education Institutions, Yogyakarta, (ii) Ahmad Dahlan University and Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology, (iii) Sathyabama University, Chennai and Telkom Institute of Technology, Bandung.

The motto of the Education Fair was “World class Education at affordable cost”. India’s higher education system which is of International standards is known worldwide for its Faculty/lecturers as well as for its affordable costs – tuition fee for 3 year Bachelor program costing from Rp 20 million per year upwards (depending on the institution) and the cost of living around Rp 1.5-2 million onwards per month.

The Education fair was held on 30 - 31 January, 2017 from 1300 to 1900 hrs. The fair was attended by more than 1800 students of grade 11 and 12, who are on the threshold of pursuing
undergraduate studies in Universities. The IIEF gave an insight for Indonesian students who seek international standards of quality education at affordable cost for pursuing their higher studies in India. The Education fair will also be held in Bali on 2\textsuperscript{nd} February, 2017 in which these Indian Universities would be participating.